

*June 23, Sunday.* Stayed in Nordausques all day. Considerable office work to be done, also night work getting ready for march problem on Monday.

*June 24, Monday.* Busy all day with march problem. First Battalion with northern column. Second Battalion with southern column. Each had a detachment with the advance guard. I stayed at Division Headquarters and my messengers kept me constantly informed of their position. Our liaison was extremely good.

*June 25, Tuesday.* Morning devoted to office work in Division Engineer office. Reading General Orders, Special Orders, memoranda, etc. In afternoon had a hot water shower bath. First time since leaving Camp Mills. While taking the bath is the only time I have been real warm since reaching France except when in bed. Colonel Ferguson came in to Division Headquarters. His appointment as Corps Engineer has been issued by Headquarters, A. E. F., and he is relieved of duties of C. O. of 105th Engineers. For the time being it places me in command of Regiment and makes me Division Engineer.

Talked with Colonel Ferguson about Corps and Division Engineer work. I told him if they put another Colonel at head of Regiment I wanted to go with him. Went out to Regimental Camp with Captain Humphreys and Major Pope, one of the U. S. officers recently attached to Division Headquarters, as G. 1. His attitude is "I know it all" and the U. S. National Guard is no good at all. To me he is very hard to get along with. He is "small." Tries to see something to find fault with, but does not help you.

*June 26, Wednesday.* Went to Regimental Camp this morning, with Colonel Ferguson. Inspected Regimental Headquarters, First Battalion and Second Battalion Headquarters. I returned in the Colonel's car to Division Headquarters as he had to go later to another Engineer Camp. We made the trip to Division Headquarters in about twenty minutes. We only hit the high places of the road. The Colonel and I talked over many things in connection with the training and condition of the Regiment. He knows nothing as yet as to who will be placed in command of the Regiment. There seems to be objection and *aversion* on part of the U. S. officers to put a National Guard officer in charge of an Engineer Regiment.